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1. The East German Electrical Engineering Trade Bureau (DIA-Elektrotechnik) hopes to increase the 1954 exports of radio sets and electrical equipment by 300 percent. In January 1954, negotiations were under way with the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Albania, and Poland. The Netherlands had requested information on delivery conditions for 3,000 battery radio receivers. Indonesia, India, and Turkey were also greatly interested in such receivers. Negotiations with Egypt are said to be nearing completion. The Egyptian trade delegation has told DIA officials that deliveries by East Germany would be paid for in kind.<sup>1</sup> Trade between the two countries could be greatly expanded in 1954 on such a barter basis. The Egyptian representatives also stated that their country considered the West German reparations deliveries to Israel as an unfriendly act toward all Arab states, and that these reparation deliveries would have an unfavorable effect on trade between West Germany and Egypt.
2. DIA Elektrotechnik officials were aware of the fact that East German plants were not yet in a position to compete successfully with West German radio engineering and electric enterprises. They were, therefore, forced to sell most of their products below cost with a view to obtaining foreign exchange and raw materials. Moreover, East German radio sets are priced about three times higher than similar equipment on the world market. Officials at DIA believed that East Germany would not be in a position to compete successfully in the world market before 1955.
3. On 4 December 1953, a conference was held at the Ministerium fuer Maschinenbau concerning the delivery of marine radio installations for ships scheduled to be exported to the USSR in 1954. The conference was presided over by

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Werner (fnu), chief of the Sales Department of the Main Administration for Radio Engineering Plants, and was attended by representatives of the radio engineering plants at Koelleda, Koepenick, Zittau, and Dabendorf; the Fernmeldeanlagenbau at Rostock; HV Schiffsbau; the firm of Junghanns & Kolloosche, Leipzig; VEB Gaselan, Berlin; besides representatives of the Main Administration for Radio Engineering Plants. At this conference, Werner also stated that a total of 255 ships scheduled to be exported to the USSR in 1954 were to be equipped with radio installations.<sup>2</sup>

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Comment: As received. Specific commodities were not quoted.

Comment: Attached is a list of 195 ships to be equipped with radio for the USSR in 1954.

<u>Quantity and Type of Ship</u>	<u>Shipyard</u>
65 Luggers	Volkswerft Stralsund
28 Seiners	Werft Brandenburg
12 Seagoing tugs	Werft Rothensee
6 Tankers	Volkswerft Stralsund
6 Coastal motor ships, 1,000 tons	Werft Wolgast
5 Refrigerator ships	Werft Rosslau
1 Seagoing tug	Neptunwerft Rostock
1 Seagoing tug	Werft Rosslau
1 Seagoing tug	Werft Brandenburg
1 Refrigerator ship	Werft Wismar
5 Motor freighters	Werft Rosslau
7 Trawlers	Neptunwerft Rostock
1 Icebreaker (repairs to the KRASSIN)	Werft Wismar
28 Steel cutters	Werft Koepenick and Rothensee
25 Steel cutters	Werft Fuerstenberg
15 Steel cutters	Werft Oderberg
7 Dredgers	Werft Rosslau
2 Floating docks	Shipyard not yet determined
9 Floating cranes, 15 tons	Bleichert, Leipzig

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<u>Quantity and Type of Ship</u>	<u>Shipyard</u>
3 Floating cranes, 50 tons	Bleichert
2 Floating cranes, 150 tons	Bleichert
3 Trawlers	Werft Stralsund
2 <u>Habicht</u> -type vessels	Werft Wolgast
10 Steel <u>Schwalbe-II</u> type vessels	Werft Koepenick
2 <u>Tuemmler</u> -type vessels	Werft Koepenick
7 Freighters	Neptunwerft Rostock
1 Seagoing passenger ship, 4,000 hp	Werft Wismar

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